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1. a. The Saechsische Serumwerk AG, (SSW) was founded in 1909. It is still a private concern, located at Dresden A1, Zirkusstrasse 40. The concern also has premises at Dresden A 53, Goetheallee 39 and Dresden N 54, Schevenstrasse 1.
- b. The firm is today under the technical direction of Willy Bethke, the founder. It produces a wide range of sera, vaccines and biological preparations.
2. a. The firm has steadily increased its production since the war and was the first in the DDR, after 1945, to produce 2,000 x diphtheria and tetanus serum.
- b. SSW has more than once been able to supply some urgently needed serum or vaccine when the nationalized firm of Serum-Werk VEB, Dessau,¹ has been unable to do so. An example of this was seen in the production of tuberculin in 1951.
3. In the past years, suggestions have been heard in the DDR Ministry of Health that the firm should be nationalized. Those advocating nationalization are at the moment particularly active.

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5. Production: 1948 - 1951

The SSW produced the following amounts of serum; the figures are in liters and include in each case all types and strengths of the specified serum:

	<u>Diphtheria serum</u>	<u>Tetanus serum</u>	<u>Erysipelas serum</u>
1948	55.24	218.03	651.56
1949	170.22	453.14	2,927.25
1950	440.81	347.94	2,051.00
1951	502.74	709.67	3,894.00

- 25X1 1. [] Comment: Probably Asid-Serum Institute (VVB Pharma), Dessau.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment: Appears to be an anti-tetanus preparation.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment: Probably an assay method, possibly for the gall baldder hormone, by titrating the effect produced to extinction.

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